



Operations and Services Reopening Workgroup



**June 25, 2020
5:00-6:30 PM
Virtual**



Delaware
Department of Education



Agenda

- Welcome
- Open discussion on reopening scenarios
- Review of information from prior meeting
- Next steps
- Adjourn



Welcome

- ❑ **Co-chair:** Chuck Longfellow, DDOE, Associate Secretary, Operations Support
- ❑ **Co-chair:** Oliver Gumbs, Cape Henlopen SD, Director of Business Operations
- ❑ **Partner:** Andrew Buher, Opportunity Labs Foundation



Welcome - Members

- Heath Chasanov
- Sherry Kijowski
- David Hearn
- Stacey Clark
- Natosha Rivera
- Gerald Allen
- Kristine Bewley
- Leolga Wright
- Mary Nash Wilson
- Jeff Taschner
- Mike Williams
- Earl Jaques
- Dave Sokola
- Charles Postles
- Dave Lawson



Welcome

- Everyone has a voice. One person shouldn't dominate the discussion
- Respect all opinions. Honor multiple perspectives
- Stay focused on our purpose
- Be succinct
- Use the hand raise feature
- Compromises may be necessary



Welcome

- Public comment is welcomed
- Email: reopeningideas@doe.k12.de.us
- Voicemail: 302-735-4244
- All comments and ideas will be transcribed and forwarded to the respective workgroups for review
- Comments will be posted on DDOE's Reopening page: <https://www.doe.k12.de.us/Page/4211>



Review - Purpose

- ❑ Deliver a high-level framework to the Secretary of Education that includes public health considerations to help superintendents, charter leads and principals in their planning work
- ❑ This Committee will NOT make recommendations about whether schools should open for in-person instruction. That is a decision that will be made by the Governor and public health experts



Review - Purpose

- This framework will include recommendations on what needs to be done. The how details are outside of our scope as a committee – however, your comments and public comments will be available to those making “how” decisions
- Review the scenario-based planning document in the context of operations and services
- The planning documents are NOT set in stone and are meant to be edited to our needs



Review - Timeline

- June 4: Discuss Scenario 1: Minimal Spread
- June 11: Discuss Scenario 2: Minimal to Moderate Spread
- June 18: Continued discussion of Scenario 2
- June 25: Discuss Scenario 3: Substantial Spread
- July 2: TBD

- Before each meeting, read scenario materials and public comment



Discussion: Scenario 3

Significant Community Spread

What is “Significant Community Spread?”

Virus Status

- ✓ R_0 is significantly greater than 1
- ✓ A rapidly increasing number of positive tests or increasing percentage of positive COVID-19 tests over a 14-day period
- ✓ Public health capacity that is likely exceeded including an inadequate number of contact tracing professionals for the local community
- ✓ Testing capacity that is likely inadequate for needs of the local community



Discussion: Scenario 3

Significant Community Spread

What is “Significant Community Spread?”

How to keep school communities safe

- ✓ Delaware leaders have decided to return to Phase 1 or complete shutdown of the state
- ✓ School preparedness and response activities shift from an ongoing surveillance footing to a series of active mitigation measures
- ✓ Schools should be closed for all in-house activities for an extended period of time
- School operation status: schools are closed for in-person instruction**



Discussion: Scenario 3

Significant Community Spread

In this scenario there is significant spread in the community and schools will be closed for in-person instruction.

Questions to consider for each of the four protocols (Facilities, Operations, Transportation, Technology):

- What should be added to this list of essential actions?
- Should any essential actions be de-prioritized?
- Should any of the actions be re-ordered?



Facilities

- School buildings are closed
- Essential staff continue to maintain schools in good working order to prepare for the subsequent return of students
- Execute school cleaning and disinfection protocols according to the CDC School Decision Tree
- Custodial staff should wear face masks and special respirators when performing cleaning duties



Operations

- Continue to audit necessary materials and supply chain for cleaning and disinfection supplies



Technology

- Continue to monitor device usage and compliance with online learning programs
- Provide support programs to ensure that students and parents can access online teaching, troubleshoot problems with access
- Ensure that students are able to submit assignments and be evaluated accordingly



Transportation

- Buses used to deliver meals to students and families
 - Consider reducing contact by delivering a week's worth of meals during a designated time (e.g., delivering a week's worth of meals every Monday)



Review

All Scenarios

- Refer to All Scenarios document sent out
- Public can access that document via publicmeetings.delaware.gov



Next Steps

Upcoming:

- Next meeting (if needed) is scheduled for July 2, 5:00-6:30 PM

Reminder: Public comment will be accepted via email at reopeningideas@doe.k12.de.us or voicemail at (302) 735-4244



Thank you!
Stay well!